

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

15 September 2010

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: Board members not in attendance were:

Henry Levin, DMD, Acting Chairman John Smith

Joseph G. Samartano, JR, DMD Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Craig VanDongen, DDS

Joseph Box, DDS

Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Bernard Manchester

Maureen Ross, RDH

Robert Bartro, DMD

Christine Benoit, DMD

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Francis Connor, DDS, RIDA

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel

At this time, the Chairman congratulated and welcomed Dr.

Samartano on his recent appointment to the Board.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of the 21 July 2010 meeting. Dr. Benoit advised page two, last paragraph, should be amended to omit the 2nd “seconded”. Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. VanDongen advised that the following licenses and permits had been issued since the last meeting:

Dental Licenses

Samuel Gegamain, DMD

Derek Jones, DMD

Emerson E. Overstreet, DMD

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Maureen Ross, RDH reported that the following license had been issued:

Dental Hygiene Licenses issued since last meeting

Amanda A. Novak Christina Norris

Dental Hygiene Licenses w/ anesthesia permits

Margaret M. Shimek

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**Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permits
Catherine Cole Christine Bettencourt
Felicia A. Sousa Bernard Poitras
Meghan A. Garlick Barbara Durand
Francoise Dowling Gina Rupard**

At this time, Dr. Levin called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the

“Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Ms. Perlini, the Board entered into closed session at 9:40 a.m.

Dr. Connor recused himself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:55 am. Dr. Connor returned to the open meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

There were no decisions ratified during closed session. The Board had no other business to be disclosed.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 21 July 2010 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Samartano, seconded by Mr. Manchester, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 21 July 2010.

At this time, Dr. Benoit addressed the Board regarding dental hygienists administering nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia. It was determined that twenty-three states currently certify and or license dental hygienists to administer Nitrous Oxide. After lengthy discussion, Dr. Benoit motioned that the Board introduce legislation to allow dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide; the motion was seconded by Ms. Ross and carried. The Administrator advised that she is of the opinion that this could be attained through Rules and Regulations rather than regulation... This topic will be tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Dr. Samartano addressed the Board with concern regarding “Teeth Whitening” services being provided by non-dentists. The Administrator advised the Board only has jurisdiction over its licensees and such cases have to be referred to the Attorney General’s Office. She also advised of the recent findings of the

Federal Trade Commission against the NC Dental Board with regard to the subject. Dr. Connor stated that legal counsel for the RIDA has advised a wait and see position until the North Carolina case plays out in the court system.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 13 October 2010 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Ms. Ross, seconded, by Dr. VanDongen, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Henry Levin, DMD, Acting Chairman
RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry**